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SUBJECT: DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE BUREAUS

ATTACHED ARE THE DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE BUREAUS
FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2. EB, IO, NEA AND PM DID NOT
SUBMIT REPORTS.

L - STEPHEN M. SCHWEBEL, ACTING

--SCHWEBEL PREPARED A DRAFT FOR LEIGH'S CONSIDERATION
OF A JOINT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONGRESS' APPROVAL OF
ASSIGNING U.S. CIVILIAN MONITORS TO SINAI.

--SCHWEBEL REVIEWED PRESS GUIDANCE ON THE QUESTION OF
WHETHER THE DOCUMENTATION OF THE SINAI AGREEMENT WOULD
BE SENT TO CONGRESS.

EUR - HARTMAN:

VISIT OF EC COMMISSIONER SIMONET: I MET WITH EC
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COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT HENRI SIMONET, IN WASHINGTON FOR
THE IMF/WORLD BANK MEETINGS, FOR A TOUR D'HORIZON OF
CURRENT ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ISSUES. SIMONET EXPRESSED
PARTICULAR INTEREST IN OUR VIEWS ON RESUMPTION OF THE

PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE AND ON DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGAL.

VISIT OF SPANISH OPPOSITION FIGURES: BRUCE LAINGEN MET TODAY WITH THREE SPANISH SOCIALIST LABOR LEADERS VISITING THE U.S. UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM. EACH IS ALSO ACTIVE IN ILLEGAL POLITICAL GROUPS. LAINGEN NOTED THAT THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRESENT REGIME IN MADRID DOES NOT DIMINISH THE IMPORTANCE WE ALSO ATTACH TO DEVELOPING CONTACTS WITH POLITICAL GROUPS THAT WILL PLAY A ROLE IN A MORE DEMOCRATIC FUTURE REGIME IN SPAIN. OUR INVITATION TO THESE LABOR POLITICAL LEADERS SYMBOLIZED THAT POSTURE. THE VISITORS EXPRESSED THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE DELICATE BALANCING ROLE THE U.S. MUST PLAY IN PRESENT-DAY SPAIN BUT EXPRESSED THE HOPE WE COULD GIVE MORE EXPRESSION TO OUR AWARENESS OF THE ROLE OF OPPOSITION POLITICAL GROUPS.

POLISH GRAIN PURCHASE: POLISH AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI TOLD JACK ARMITAGE THAT HE HAD TODAY INFORMED SECRETARY BUTZ THAT THE POLES WOULD WISH TO PURCHASE ABOUT ONE MILLION MORE TONS OF GRAIN THAN THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT NEEDED FOR A TOTAL OF ABOUT 3.5 MILLION TONS, POSSIBLY MORE. TRAMPCZYNSKI SAID HE DID NOT KNOW IF SOVIET DELIVERIES OF GRAIN TO POLAND HAD BEEN SUSPENDED. (USUAL POLISH IMPORT OF SOVIET GRAIN IS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF ONE MILLION TONS.)

BELGIAN EMBASSY INQUIRY RE GREECE AND NATO: BELGIAN EMBASSY MINISTER CAHEN CALLED ON LAINGEN TO ASK ABOUT OUR VIEWS RE THE GREEK RELATIONSHIP WITH NATO, IN CONNECTION WITH UPCOMING NATO MEETINGS ON THE SUBJECT. LAINGEN SAID OUR POSTURE WAS DESIGNED TO AVOID ANY ACTIONS BY EITHER GREECE OR NATO THAT WOULD PRECLUDE A FULL RESUMPTION BY GREECE OF ITS NATO MEMBERSHIP. WE SAID WE BELIEVE THAT CARAMANLIS IS DELIBERATELY PROCEEDING SLOWLY SO AS TO AVOID PREJUDICING FUTURE GREEK
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ACTIONS SHOULD THERE BE A POSITIVE TREND REGARDING CYPRUS.

EA - PHILIP C. HABIB

JAPANESE DSP DELEGATION. A DELEGATION OF FIVE MEMBERS OF THE JAPANESE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST PARTY CALLED ON ME THIS MORNING. (ONE MEMBER WAS A STUDENT OF YOURS AT HARVARD.) THE DELEGATION'S VISIT HAS BEEN ACCORDED CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT FROM THE GOJ. THEIR QUESTIONS FOCUSED LARGELY ON KOREA -- THE SITUATION ON THE PENINSULA, U.S. INTENTIONS FOR CONTINUED TROOP PRESENCE THERE, ETC. THE DELEGATION SUGGESTED A COURTESY CALL ON YOU; I TURNED

THE REQUEST OFF GENTLY. TOMORROW I WILL HOST A LUNCH FOR THE GROUP.

ARA:HARYAN, ACTING SEPTEMBER 2, 1975

PANAMA - BYRD AMENDMENT -- MURRAY MARDER OF THE WASHINGTON POST CALLED TO GIVE US THE TEXT OF A STATEMENT FROM SENATOR BYRD'S OFFICE IN WHICH THE SENATOR INDICATED THAT HE WOULD WITHHOLD ANY AMENDMENT TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATIONS BILL TO BE CONSIDERED ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3. BYRD ADDED THAT HE WAS WITHHOLDING THE AMENDMENT BECAUSE MOREY BELL AND AMBASSADOR BUNKER HAD REQUESTED A MEETING "TO PRESENT CERTAIN FACTS AND VIEWPOINTS ON THEIR RETURN FROM PANAMA SEPTEMBER 15".

ROGERS IN PANAMA -- BILL ROGERS LEFT THIS AFTERNOON FOR A QUICK TRIP TO PANAMA ACCOMPANIED BY CLEMENTS, GENERAL BROWN AND ASSISTANT ARMY SECRETARY VEYSEY. THEY WILL BE LOOKING AT THE "REAL ESTATE" AND WILL ALSO HAVE A SHORT MEETING WITH TORRIJOS.

ARGENTINA -- ARGENTINE FINANCE MINISTER ANTONIO CAFIERO ACCOMPANIED BY CENTRAL BANK VICE PRESIDENT ZALDUENDO AND AMB. VAZQUEZ, CALLED ON BILL THIS MORNING TO DISCUSS ARGENTINA'S NEED FOR EXTERNAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. CAFIERO EMPHASIZED THE POLITICAL THREAT: IF UNEMPLOYMENT REACHES MASSIVE PROPORTIONS THERE COULD
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BE A BREAKDOWN IN LAW AND ORDER IN ARGENTINA.

AL FISHLOW MET LATER ON WITH ARGENTINE ECONOMIC OFFICIALS. THEY WERE OPTIMISTIC: ADOPTION OF A MORE REALISTIC EXCHANGE RATE, AND OTHER MEASURES COULD AND SHOULD LEAD TO RAPID ECONOMIC RECOVERY.

THE ARGENTINE VIEW SEEMS OVERLY OPTIMISTIC ECONOMICALLY AND OVERLY PESSIMISTIC POLITICALLY. THIS "PLAN" IS A BACK-OF-THE-ENVELOPE AFFAIR AT THE MOMENT AND THE HARD FACTS OF AUSTERITY HAVE BEEN FINESSED. U.S. ASSISTANCE AT THIS POINT WOULD BE A BALING WIRE OPERATION, WITHOUT INVOLVING ANY FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE.

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WE WILL BE COORDINATING A FORMAL REPLY WITH TREASURY.

AF - DAVIS

I RETURNED FROM LEAVE TODAY.

BENGUELA RAILWAY: SIR PHILIP DE ZULUETA, CHIEF EXECUTIVE

OFFICER OF THE CRITICAL BEGUELA RAILWAY CAME IN TO SEE ED MULCAHY AND THREE OF AF'S OFFICE DIRECTORS. HE CONFIRMED THAT THE RAILWAY IS COMPLETELY CLOSED DOWN ALTHOUGH THE COMPANY HAS MADE EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP ITS LABOR FORCE INTACT. HE HOPES THAT AN INTERNATIONAL EFFORT, PERHAPS BACKED BY KAUNDA, MOBUTU AND SERETSE KHAMA, TO DECLARE THE RAILWAY A NEUTRAL ZONE CAN BE ORGANIZED. THIS WOULD, OF COURSE, REQUIRE THE COORDINATED APPROVAL OF THE THREE WARRING ANGOLAN FACTIONS PLUS THE PORTUGUESE, NOT AN EARLY LIKELIHOOD.

UNITA: ED MULCAHY AND ROY HAVERKAMP SPENT AN HOUR AND A HALF THIS AFTERNOON WITH THE AMERICAN-EDUCATED MINISTER OF FINANCE CHITUNDU IN THE RECENT ANGOLAN TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. IN THIS EDUCATIONAL SESSION THE MINISTER ALLOWED THAT UNITA, HIS MOVEMENT, FINDS MPLA MORE COMFORTABLE IDEOLOGICALLY THAN FNLA; NEVERTHELESS HE FEELS FNLA AND UNITA MUST COALESCE TO DEFEAT MPLA MILITARILY BEFORE INDEPENDENCE. HE MADE A PLEA FOR ARMS FOR SAVIMBI
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AND FOR HELP IN ESTABLISHING A POWERFUL RADIO TRANSMITTER FOR UNITA'S USE TO WIN THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE. HE DID NOT LOOK WITH FAVOR ON THE INTENDED AIRLIFT OF PORTUGUESE NATIONALS FROM ANGOLA, BECAUSE ANGOLA WOULD NEED THEIR KNOW-HOW TO REBUILD THE COUNTRY.

TOMORROW: TOMORROW FOUR AFRICAN AMBASSADORS PRESENT CREDENTIALS AT THE WHITE HOUSE; WHICH I PLAN TO ATTEND.

H - ROBERT J. MCCLOSKEY

1. CONGRESSIONAL REACTION TO MIDDLE EAST AGREEMENT. REACTION SO FAR HAS NOT JELLED, BUT IS OBVIOUSLY MIXED. STEVENSON'S OFFICE PHONED JENKINS THIS AFTERNOON AND SAID THAT STEVENSON'S MAIL, NUMBERING SEVERAL HUNDRED LETTERS, HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY UNANIMOUS IN ITS CRITICISM OF THE AGREEMENT. THE CRITICISM CENTERS ON U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN THE MONITORING PROCEDURE. STEVENSON IS LIKELY TO ISSUE A CRITICAL STATEMENT WHICH WILL REFER TO YOUR "WHEELING AND DEALING." WE EMPHASIZED TO STEVENSON THAT YOU HAD THE BENEFIT OF CONSIDERABLE CONSULTATION WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP BEFORE DEPARTING. SEVERAL OTHER MEMBERS, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAVE SAID THEY WILL ISSUE STATEMENTS PRAISING YOUR ACHIEVEMENT. WAYNE HAYS, IN A STATEMENT TO TV NETWORKS, PRAISED THE AGREEMENT AND CRITICIZED FAINT HEARTS WHO HAVE EXPRESSED FEAR ABOUT U.S. INVOLVEMENT. PERCY PUBLICLY PRAISED THE AGREEMENT AS "INGENIOUS SUCCESS" AND IS SUBMITTING OP-ED PIECE TO N.Y. TIMES.

MOST CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATES AT THE UN ARE REACTING

FAVORABLY TO THE STATIONING OF U.S. CIVILIAN MONITORS. GLENN EXPRESSED SERIOUS RESERVATIONS SAYING HE PREFERRED AN INTERNATIONAL FORCE. HE CLAIMS WE ARE AGAIN UNDERMINING THE UN. SENATOR CLARK, ON THE OTHER HAND, WILL BE SUPPORTIVE. CONGRESSMAN OBEY, WHO RECENTLY RETURNED THERE FROM ISRAEL, IS LEERY ABOUT THE LARGE ARMS PACKAGE PROMISED TO ISRAEL.

2. ANGOLA AIRLIFT. WE INFORMED 19 CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS OR THEIR STAFF OF THE DECISION TO JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL SECRET

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AIRLIFT EFFORT. NO SIGNIFICANT CRITICISM WAS HEARD ALTHOUGH SEVERAL MEMBERS QUESTION THE EVENTUAL COST AND HOW WE INTEND TO FINANCE IT. DIGGS COMPLAINED THAT THE MEDIA REGARDING THESE AIRLIFT PLANS INVARIABLY REFER TO "WHITE ANGOLANS", NEGLECTING THE CAPE VERDIANS AND OTHER PORTUGUESE BLACKS. WE ASSURED HIM THAT U.S. AIRLIFT WILL CARRY "PORTUGUESE CITIZENS" NOT "WHITE ANGOLANS."

3. CHURCH SUBCOMMITTEE ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. IN A CABLE SENT THROUGH EMBASSY CHANNELS, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHURCH SUBCMTE IN LONDON REPORTED TO THE SENATOR THAT THEY HAVE UNCOVERED EXTENSIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

H - MCCLOSKEY (CONTINUED)

INDICATING THE USE OF LARGE BRIBES BY NORTHROP AND LOCKHEED. ACCORDING TO CHURCH'S STAFFERS, BRIBES LAUNDERED THROUGH EUROPEAN CORPORATIONS WERE ALLEGEDLY PAID TO SAUDI OFFICIALS. THE CABLE ALSO REFERS TO AMBASSADOR AKINS SUPPORT OF "AGENTS FEES." CHIEF OF STAFF LEVINSON CALLED JENKINS TODAY AND REQUESTED A PERSONAL INTERVIEW WITH AKINS THIS WEEK, PRIOR TO BEING CALLED AS A WITNESS. WE ADVISED LEVINSON THAT AKINS IS IN JIDDA AND THAT LEVINSON SHOULD CABLE HIS QUESTIONS TO JIDDA. LEVINSON SAID THAT THEY WOULD PURSUE THIS COURSE, BUT THE PROBABILITY IS THAT THEY WILL CALL AKINS WITHIN A FEW WEEKS.

4. PANAMA. HARRY BYRD ANNOUNCED TONIGHT THAT HE WOULD NOT OFFER HIS AMENDMENT TO CUT OFF FUNDS FOR THE PANAMA NEGOTIATIONS TO THE STATE APPROPRIATIONS BILL. UNLESS ANOTHER SENATOR OF THE THURMOND-BYRD CLIQUE OFFERS, AND SUCCEEDS IN PASSING, A FLOOR AMENDMENT THE SENATE WILL GO TO CONFERENCE WITH A CLEAN BILL. THE BATTLEGROUND WOULD THEN SHIFT TO THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SINCE THE HOUSE BILL STILL CONTAINS THE SNYDER PROVISION. YOU WILL RECALL THAT THE HOUSE ADOPTED THE SNYDER LANGUAGE LAST JULY BY AN OVERWHELMING FLOOR VOTE. WE ARE MODERATELY OPTIMISTIC THAT THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

COULD REMOVE THE SNYDER PROVISION FROM ANY FINAL BILL
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SINCE MOST OF THE HOUSE CONFEREES WERE ORIGINALLY
OPPOSED TO THE SNYDER PROVISION.

5. ALBERT DELEGATION. THE SPEAKER AND HIS GROUP HAVE
RETURNED FROM MOSCOW, BUCHAREST AND BELGRADE. I HAVE
HEARD THAT A NUMBER, PARTICULARLY YATES AND GREEN, ARE
CONVINCED THAT A REMEDY TO JACKSON/VANIK OUGHT TO BE
SOUGHT. THIS VIEW WAS CONFIRMED BY FRIEDERSDORF WHO
ACCOMPANIED THE GROUP. YOU MIGHT CONSIDER OFFERING TO
MEET WITH THE GROUP SOMETIME AFTER YOU RETURN.

6. I MET WITH HARTMAN AND A GROUP TO CONSIDER HOW TO
PROCEED NEXT ON TURKISH MILITARY ASSISTANCE. WE WILL
PREPARE SOME RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION WHEN
YOU RETURN. I DON'T SEE THAT CONGRESSIONAL ACTION IS
FEASIBLE OR LIKELY UNTIL AT THE EARLIEST THE END OF NEXT

WEEK, AFTER THE INTER-COMMUNAL MEETING IN NEW YORK. OUR
TACTIC WILL BE TO AVOID LINKING THE OUTCOME OR ANY PROMISE
OF PROGRESS IN THE MEETING TO CONGRESSIONAL ACTION. WE
WILL COORDINATE ALSO WITH THE WHITE HOUSE. THE PRESIDENT
DOES NOT INTEND TO RAISE THE SUBJECT AT THE JOT TEADER-
SHIP MEETING THURSDAY MORNING BUT HAS IT ON HIS AGENDA
FOR HIS MEETING WITH REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP SEPTEMBER 9.

7. ADD ITEM A. SINCE THE ABOVE WAS DRAFTED JACKSON
HAS BEEN HEARD ON RADIO CRITICIZING THE AGREEMENT AS
"ESTABLISHING THE BASIS FOR THE SOVIETS TO ASK FOR INTRO-
DUCTION OF SOVIET PERSONNEL INTO THE AREA TO MATCH
OURS." ROBINSON

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